



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2677-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tatsuhiko EMA et al.)
Application No.: 10/736,580) Group Art Unit: 1734
Filed: December 17, 2003) Examiner: Tadesse, Yewebdar T.
For: FILM-FORMING METHOD, FILM-) Confirmation No.: 4483
FORMING APPARATUS AND)
LIQUID FILM DRYING)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the application as follows. The period for response to the Office Action has been extended through June 23, 2005, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the **Amendment to the Claims** section and begins on page 4 of this paper.